

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Randy D. Blakely et al.

Serial No.: 09/888,233

Filed: June 22, 2001

For: ASSAY FOR TOXIN INDUCED  
NEURONAL DEGENERATION AND  
VIABILITY IN C. ELEGANS



Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Unknown

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| November 6, 2001   |                      |
| Date   | Steven L. Highlander |

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED AUGUST 6, 2001**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including November 6, 2001 in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated August 6, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$966.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$55.00) for a one month extension of time.

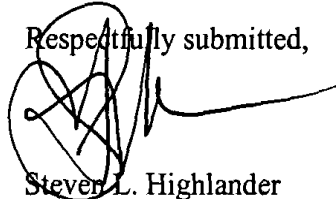
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven L. Highlander', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

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